

FAMILY COURT, SURAT

ADVERTISEMENT NO. 01 / 2026

TO PREPARE A PANEL OF COUNSELLOR IN THE FAMILY COURTS AT SURAT DISTRICT :- SURAT

Applications in prescribed format are invited from the eligible persons for empanelment as **Counsellors** in the Family Courts, Surat under the **Gujarat Family Court (Amendment) Rules, 2023**.

The General terms and conditions for appointment :

1. Qualification :

Applicant must possess following qualification :-
(As on the last date of Application)

- (i) Degree of a recognized University preferably with Social Science or psychology as one of the subjects ;
- (ii) Minimum experience of 02 (Two) Years in Social Work, Child Psychiatry or Family Counselling and
- (iii) Having impeccable integrity.

Important notes :

- (a) In case of other things being equal, then preference shall be given, in the matter of appointment -
 - to a women Candidate having the requisite qualification ;
 - to a Candidate who has been a Judge or has experience of Counselling in family matters.
- (b) The High Court may, in exceptional circumstances, relax the minimum academic qualifications.

2. Age- limit :

As on the last date fixed for submission of Application a candidate must have attained the age of 35 years and must not have crossed the age of 65 years.

3. Honorarium or Fee :

The candidate appointed as Counsellor, Family Courts, Surat shall be paid Honorarium /Fee of Rs.1000/- per day irrespective of cases handled by him/her and maximum Rs. 25000/- per month as per the Legal Department Resolution No.:LD/MSM/e-file/12 /2024/4255 /D, dated 07/04/2025.

4. Duties and responsibilities of Counsellor, Family Court :

- (i) The candidate appointed as the Counsellor shall have to work in association with the Family Court for the purpose of promoting conciliation in and securing speedy settlement of disputes relating to marriage and Family affairs and matters connected therewith.
- (ii) **The Counsellor so appointed shall not act or plead for a party to a case proceeding** but shall generally assist the Court in reaching peaceful and amicable settlement of the dispute.
- (iii) The Counsellor, entrusted with any petition, shall-
 - attend the Court as and when required by the Judge of the Family Court ;
 - aid and advise the parties regarding settlement of the subject - matter of dispute or any other part thereof ;
 - help the parties in reconciliation ;
 - submit report or interim report, as the case may be required by the Court to which he/she is attached ;
 - perform such other function as may be assigned to him/her by the Family Court to which he/she is attached, from time to time.

5. Termination of Counsellor :

The appointment of Counsellor may be terminated on recommendation of the High Court, without assigning any reason, at any time before the expiry of his/her term the recommendation of the concerned Principal Judge, Family Court.

:: Note ::

- (1) The form of application is available on the website of District Court, Surat.
- (2) Applicant should submit the application to Family Court, Surat on or before 05.08.2026 (upto 06:10 pm) at the below address ;

: Address :

The Principal Judge
Family Court, Surat
Opp. Tirupati Plaza,
NANPURA, SURAT - 395001.

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